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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents:

1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 3-190191

discloses an operation-mode switching preventing means that notifies an operation control section of replacement (of a fan), and the operation control section stops feeding to a fan in which trouble has occurred.

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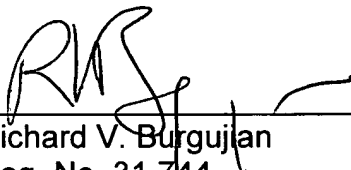
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